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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: LARAKI-BOUTEFLIKA MEETING IN PARIS

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR STATES HE INFORMED BY LOCAL AMBASSADOR WHOSE COUNTRY INVOLVED IN SAHARA MEDIATIONS THAT THERE NO QUESTION BUT THAT LARAKI AND BOUTEFLIKA MET IN PARIS UNDER SAUDI AUSPICES IN LATE NOVEMBER. BRITISH AMBASSADOR STATES THAT LOCAL AMBASSADOR IN POSITION TO KNOW AND ADDS THAT THIS REPORT, COMBINED WITH OTHER INFORMATION HE HAS RECEIVED, CONVINCES HIM THAT MEETING DID INDEED TAKE PLACE. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER MOUKNASS ATTENDED OR NOT.

2. QUESTION REMAINS WHAT NEXT. CONSENSUS AMONG OBSERVERS HERE IS THAT ALGERIANS AGREED TO MEETING BECAUSE THEY, LIKE OTHERS, CANNOT REFUSE A SAUDI REQUEST, BUT THAT SAUDI INITIATIVE, LIKE EARLIER INITIATIVE BY EGYPTIAN VP MUBARAK, WILL ULTIMATELY STUMBLE OVER IRRECONCILABLE MOROCCAN AND ALGERIAN POSITIONS. WE CAN HYPOTHESIZE USUAL REASONS FOR ALGERIAN CONCESSIONS IN SAHARA -- FINANCIAL SQUEEZE, NEED TO FOCUS ON INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT, DESIRE TO CUT LOSSES, FEAR OF LIBYAN DOMINANCE OF NEW SAHARA STATE SHOULD ONE UNTIMATELY EMERGE, ETC. -- BUT SEE NO SIGNS OF ALGERIAN SHIFT YET. OF COURSE, IT ONLY NOW BECOMING CLEAR THAT BOUTEFLIKA AND LARAKI MET AT ALL.LYNE  
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